<u>PROCLAMATION</u>

WHEREAS, May 21st is the sixth National Kids to Parks Day organized and launched by the National Park Trust; and

WHEREAS, National Kids to Parks Day empowers kids and urges families to get outdoors and visit America's parks; and

WHEREAS, it is important to introduce a new generation to our nation's parks because of the decline in park attendance over the past decades; and

WHEREAS, the City sponsors "Get Active Greenbelt" and encourages all children and adults to lead a more active lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Department will hold programs throughout the spring and summer, such as weekly runs through city parks, Celebration of Spring events, Greenbelt Youth Triathlon, Family Fun Nights at the Aquatic and Fitness Center and summer camps to promote appreciation for nature and the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, due to fiscal constraints and budget cuts nationwide, it is critical that all Americans show even more support for their local, regional and national parks.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Emmett V. Jordan, by the authority vested in me by the citizens and City Council of Greenbelt, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 21st, to be

NATIONAL KIDS TO PARKS DAY

in Greenbelt and urge all our residents to visit and enjoy the beautiful parks within the City and to lead a more active lifestyle.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to be affixed this 9th day of May 2016.

EMMETT V. JORDAN Mayor

ATTEST: Cindy Murray
City Clerk